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Good Evening Administrator,

Region 4's weekend update is as follows:

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Updates

KY Sanitation District #1 (SD1) Dispute - Region 4 is attempting to resolve a dispute over SD1's request to extend the current 2025 deadline in a federal Consent Decree until 2046 to eliminate discharges of raw sewage (sanitary sewer overflows or SSOs) and to bring its combined sewer overflows (CSOs) into compliance with the Clean Water Act. Region 4 and OECA briefed Justin Schwab about the dispute on February 22, 2017. Mr. Schwab was generally supportive of EPA's proposed 2036 compliance date, but has requested additional information. Next steps are for OECA to provide comparative financial data (to characterize relative affluence of the municipality) and for Region 4 to contact the Commonwealth of Kentucky concerning its rationale for its proposed 2039 compliance date.

Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) requirements in Nashville - The EPA Region 4 proposal to approve the technical analysis to remove the Federal RVP requirement for the Nashville Area will be published in the *Federal Register* on 2/24/17.

Proctor Creek Fish Tissue Sampling - On February 21, 2017, WABE, the *Atlanta NPR affiliate*, ran a story on its website concerning a recent EPA-conducted study that found **elevated levels of man-made toxic chemicals in fish** caught in an area of the Proctor Creek Watershed abutting Atlanta's Bankhead community. <http://wabe.drupal.publicbroadcasting.net/post/epa-finds-toxic-chemicals-fish-atlantas-proctor-creek>. Region 4 is working with the Proctor Creek Community, the State of Georgia, the City of Atlanta, and the Chattahoochee River Keepers to

develop a baseline monitoring plan for Proctor Creek, and as part of that effort, completed a Fish Tissue study in April 2016. The study found chemical levels above the trigger values for fish consumption in the redbreast and green sunfish species. EPA has shared these findings with the State for the State to use in its deliberations on whether or not to issue a fish consumption advisory.

Key Accomplishments

None this week.

Items for the Week Ahead

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Lab Consolidation - The Office of Administration and Resources Management and EPA's contractor, The Smith Group, will be in Athens, Georgia next week (March 1-3) to further evaluate requirements for a lab consolidation between the Region 4 Science and Ecosystem Support Division laboratory and the Office of Research and Development National Exposure Research Laboratory into the current EPA owned laboratory facility at 960 College Station Road in Athens. The estimated timeframe to complete consolidation is 2023.

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